

championship, it was also the first State basketball championship won by a Section X team.

On March 18, 2007, the Hammond Lady Red Devils, who are from my upstate New York Congressional District, won the New York State Class D Championship when they defeated the S.S. Seward Lady Spartans by a score of 52 to 51. In that game, the Lady Red Devils worked hard to overcome the Lady Spartans' leads, which were as much as 17 points at one time and 12 points at the end of the first half. In fact, S.S. Seward led by two points with 47 seconds to play before the Lady Red Devils' Brittany Kenyon, the New York State Class D MVP, made a three point shot with 15.9 seconds left in the game to give Hammond the lead and, ultimately, the victory.

The Lady Red Devils completed the 2007 season undefeated, with a record of 12 and 0. They were coached by Shawn Dack and assistant coaches Larry Hollister, Doug McQueer, and Chet Truskowski. Other team members were scorekeeper Cathy Tulley and players Whitney Atkins, Cassie Cunningham, Nicole Davidson, Aubrie Dunn, Brooke Hollister, Katlyn Hunt, Malynda Jenne, Jessica Martin, Sara Measheaw, Emily Moquin, and Sarah Sheridan. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to represent these young ladies and to have the opportunity to recognize them for their very significant accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO CECIL E. WILLIAMS,  
JR.

### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2007*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Cecil E. Williams, Jr., a lifelong advocate and friend to Arkansas farmers. Williams, who was a West Memphis resident and longtime executive vice president of the Agriculture Council of Arkansas, passed away on April 12 at the age of 74. His death was a great loss to his community, his family, his State and this Nation.

Williams began his agricultural education at a young age on his family's cotton farm in Tyronza, AR. After serving in the U.S. Air Force as a weather observer in Alaska, he moved to Baton Rouge, LA, and enrolled at Louisiana State University where he obtained his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. During his final year in college, Williams met his wife Barbara. They eventually married and had three sons.

Williams took a job with the National Cotton Council and began traveling to cotton farms around the South, soliciting new members. In return for their membership, Williams kept them informed of new farm technology and

techniques that would help farmers run a more efficient and profitable business.

In the mid-1960s, Williams became the executive vice president of the Agricultural Council of Arkansas in West Memphis and served the council honorably for 37 years. Although Williams worked for the council during the day, in his free time he maintained a small family farm because he loved working the land. By maintaining the farm, he gained a firsthand perspective of the challenges Arkansas farmers faced on a day-to-day basis.

Williams' life-long commitment to farming made it easy for him to advocate on the behalf of farmers in Washington. Williams worked as a liaison, advocating for farm policies that would benefit Arkansas' agricultural community to Members of Congress. He would then return to Arkansas and use his natural gift of communication to explain the complexities of farm bills to producers, which helped them understand how the legislation would impact their business.

A devout public servant, Williams was a man of honor and compassion. On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to his family and gratitude for all he did to make our community a better place. His service and friendship will be missed by all.